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## CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 9-3-80

10/21/81

FULL NAME BROTHER EDMUND COAKLEY/BORN ROBERT J. COAKLEY  
 (No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 7718 W. WELDON AVENUECITY PHOENIX STATE ARIZONA ZIP CODE 85026

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 39 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION ROMAN CATHOLIC NATIONALITY NOT KNOWNOCCUPATION TEACHER - ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 190 HEIGHT 5' 11" RACE CAUCASIONCOLOR OF HAIR RUST COLOR OF EYES NOT KNOWNOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS XXXXXX Ruddy ComplexionMARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN N/AWIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: \*SEE APPENDIX 'B'

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Troop 337	Emerson	NJ	SM	9/70	11/78
Post 337	Emerson	NJ	Advisor	5/73	11/78
SPECIAL RECOGNITION		SCOUTER'S KEY			

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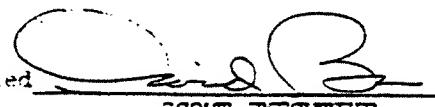
SEE ATTACHMENT.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND  
 ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE  
 OR SPECULATION):

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 SCOUT EXECUTIVE
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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
214-580-2000

November 11, 1991

SUBJECT: INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FILE  
EDMUND COAKELEY

FROM: Mark L. Dama  
Assistant Director  
Insurance and Risk Management

TO: Paul I. Ernst  
Director  
Registration Service

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Please find attached various information on the above referenced individual who may be a possible candidate for the Ineligible Volunteer File.

The attached is as follows:

Newspaper article in reference to the alleged abuse

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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September 11, 1980

Mr. David Baur  
Scout Executive  
Bergen Council #350

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Brother Edmund Coakley/Robert J. Coakley, Troop 337, SM

Dear David:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We are reviewing this case with our Attorney and will keep you informed.

Sincerely,



Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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January 22, 1981

Mr. David Bear  
Scout Executive  
Bergen Council #350

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Brother Edmund Coakley/Robert J. Coakley

Dear David:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scout. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription and  
Statistical Services

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NEW YORK POST - Tuesday, September 2, 1980

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SCOUTMASTER IN \$10 MILLION SEX SUIT OVER ASSAULT OF BOY

Captions under pictures:

Picture of the boy - [REDACTED] - His mental anguish started to become apparent.

Picture of Scoutmaster - Robert Coakley - Quit religious order.

A New Jersey mother and father are suing the Catholic Franciscan Brothers and the Boy Scouts of America for \$10 million charging that a Christian brother Scoutmaster was sexually involved with their two young sons.

One of the boys committed suicide as a result of his experiences the parents said. The other is undergoing psychiatric care along with his parents.

Also named as co-defendant in the suit was the Brother, Robert Coakley, known as Brother "Edmund", who has since left the order and now reportedly works as a laborer in Phoenix, Arizona.

He has denied sexual misconduct with the boy.

The parents who state "their family life has been destroyed by the incidences" charged that the Franciscans and the Boy Scouts were negligent in allowing a man like Coakley to be affiliated with them.

The 'incidences' alleged occurred during 1978 and mainly involved the dead boy, [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] when 11 years old, of Emerson, New Jersey. His brother, [REDACTED] 13 at the time.

Most of the incidences also allegedly took place at Pine Creek Reservation, a Boy Scout affiliated camp in Forrestport, New York.

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The camp owned by Peter Grandy is connected with Explorer Post 337 operated out of the Assumption School in Emerson.

Coakley was a history and science teacher at the school as well as Scoutmaster and camp operator.

In the suit filed late Friday by Attorney David Jaroslawicz, the parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], allege that Coakley made [REDACTED] swim in the nude at the camp, provided him with pornographic materials and also "provocative under-wear" which the boy was made to wear.

Coakley also forced the boy to sleep with him in his private trailer and "engaged in direct physical contact" with him the suit stated.

[REDACTED] was further made to "undergo simulated rape scenes and otherwise sexually molested" him, and these actions were taperecorded the suit said. That fall Coakley had further physical relations with the boy in the basement of the church Friary in Emerson the suit said.

He also made [REDACTED] "engage in sado-masochistic activities including bondage" and later made the boy beat him with a rope the suit alleged.

The parents further charged that Coakley, who they said possessed several handguns and a rifle, threatened to harm or even kill [REDACTED] if he told anybody about the incidences.

But by the late fall [REDACTED] "could no longer conceal what had occurred, since mental anguish started to become apparent" and he told his parents everything.

After a pair of hospital stays connected with his trauma, [REDACTED] swallowed a bottle of oil of wintergreen and died in Holy Name Hospital May 29, 1979, after telling a nurse that he had been molested and "it is not worth living" the parents said.

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The parents meanwhile had forced Coakley's ouster from the Brotherhood but did not seek prosecution on the advice of a physician who said [REDACTED] could not withstand additional pressure.

But after the boy's death they contacted the office of the Oneida County district attorney in New York and also the Bergen County, New Jersey prosecutor's office.

The father also said he spoke via telephone with Coakley who was at the Franciscan Brothers headquarters in Fayetteville, Ohio, and Coakley allegedly admitted everything "up to the point of physical contact" with [REDACTED], the dead boy's father told the POST.

Oneida and Bergen County detectives told the POST that their investigations were hampered because the boy's death deprived them of direct testimony.

Coakley faced a charge of endangering the welfare of a child - [REDACTED] - in Oneida but since the charge was a misdemeanor, authorities there did not feel the justification to extradite him from Arizona, a New York state police investigator said.

The Bergen County case was dropped because it was felt there was no strong basis for prosecution, the POST was told.

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RE: BROTHER EDMUND COAKLEY/BORN ROBERT J. COAKLEY

APPENDIX 'B'

FACTS LEADING TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Attached are the following:

- 1) NEW YORK POST article of Tuesday, September 2, 1980
- 2) THE RECORD article of Wednesday, September 3, 1980
- 3) Statement given to Bergen County Prosecutor's Office by [REDACTED] (age 13 approx.)

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

Brother Edmund Coakley, a member of the religious order known as the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis. His New Jersey address was 30 Locust Avenue, Emerson, New Jersey 07630.

Edmund Coakley was registered and served as Scoutmaster of Troop 337, though he was not officially replaced as Scoutmaster until the unit rechartered in April of 1979. Prior to May of 1973 he has been registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 337. From May of 1973 to April of 1979, Edmund Coakley was registered as Advisor of Post 337 under the name of Robert J. Coakley.

Reason given for his resignation as Scoutmaster and Advisor in November of 1978 was his reassignment by the religious order to which he was a member.

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out with a girl", he "has" the woman I have pictures of, he's pictures of  
girls at school. I told my mom and dad and I couldn't normally go  
around talking like that.

He also asked me "what's on or off" I am "masturbating" and what did  
I use, "a piece of cloth" or my "forehand". We were in the trailer  
at this time. I said, "I don't know." He took a piece of cloth from  
a sheet or something, loosened his pants, covered himself with the  
blanket, and layed down on the bed. He then complained about "a pain  
in the kidneys and the only way to get rid of it was to masturbate".

He said he did it "once before". I figured he was doing it because I  
heard a snapping like noise and saw his hand moving fast, up and down.  
It took about fifteen minutes. I was scared and nervous with perspir-  
ation, and I had wanted to leave the trailer, but he didn't want me  
to go. Mrs. Bradford then called about dinner, and it stopped.

Mrs. Bradford said, "Don't tell anybody about this, because it won't sound  
right about a brother masturbating." I don't think I said anything,  
but felt confused about it, and tried to sit further away from him the  
next day in the truck on the way home.

In a little while we went down to the house for dinner, and after  
dinner, we stayed and watched TV, and later on went back to the trailer  
and I went to bed.

Monday we started for home and we were around the Albany area when  
we had a flat tire. It was fixed and we arrived home later that day.

A week or so later, during recess at school, he mentioned to me  
that he didn't like the way the pictures come out, and he wanted to  
do some of it over. I just shook my head, and he would ask me whenever  
ever I had time to do it, and I was always too busy.

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It cost him about 4 1/2 miles west, and so at the time, I still had no idea, but I did know if I had to go to the other station or not. So I took the train, went to St. Paul, Minn., and I contacted with the station and on Sunday, he was about 2 or 3 days, or so later (on 26, I think).

I arrived at the camp, called Piney Creek, and just our stuff in the car and topped trailer. On Friday night and the other night that followed, I slept on the top bunk and he (Edmund) slept on the bottom.

I think it was the day before we left to go up, that Brother Edmund brought up the idea of my posing as Christ for the stations of the cross up at camp. I think I kind of shrugged off the answer, not giving a yes or no. I didn't think that he meant that it would be that weekend. (Memorial Day) I think it was at this time also that he first mentioned about like Reiner. He said that Mike had said if he was ever going to do that about the stations of the cross that he (Mike) would do it. I also think it was here that Mr. Edmund said he didn't want Mike because of his short height, so he wouldn't.

It was on Saturday that I became aware that he wanted to do the pictures then--and I don't remember the conversation that led up to the pictures. I don't know why, but I agreed to do it.

In all the pictures I had some type of clothing around my waist and hips. Then I got changed and unchanged in the trailer, I noticed that Brother Edmund was in the trailer, sitting on his bunk, watching me, but I had my back to him, with white boxer shorts on, and he didn't see my lower parts.

Some of the pictures were taken in the morning and some in the for break, and more pictures were taken in the afternoon. During this time of the pictures, I was embarrassed. Later, when they were over,

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and I was in the trailer, he (Dykes) tied me up. He then got  
nudged out and then both of us got into the trailer. So I think  
he said "I'm going to tie you up like I did before"---and I  
said "Okay", which he did for two or three us, and I think Dykes had  
almost passed out. After that, I just kept sitting on the floor  
of the trailer. I don't remember that the conversation was, but after  
about five minutes, he untied me, and I went back and sat down. I  
think I changed first, and then he asked me to tie him up--something  
about that I was mad at him for doing that, and wanted to get even  
with him. I didn't want to tie him up, but I did anyway--giving in to  
him because he was sort of begging me to do it. Then I tied him up,  
(I think it was just his hands), he was sitting on his hunk. He would  
get out of it, and make me tie him over again--and this went on for  
two twenty minutes.

After that, we had dinner at the house and Mrs. Greenaway and Mr.  
Greenaway were there. I stayed to eat our dinner for Mrs. Greenaway, who  
then went back to the trailer and went to bed. Nothing else happened  
on Saturday.

Throughout the weekend, he offered me cigarettes from a pack that  
said menthol-flavored--he smoked curve, unfiltered.

On Sunday, we got up and dressed and went to Church--the Catholic  
church in Forestport. After that, we shopped at the store and picked  
up something to eat when back in the trailer. I don't remember what  
happened the rest of the weekend.

We left Forestport on Monday, and when in the foreground, he  
started asking questions about sex and all of that. He asked about  
pornographic materials, and asked me questions, like, did I ever "make

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I began thinking about getting drunk so I could forget about the whole thing, but I couldn't make myself do it because I was afraid.

So I went home to my room to get drunk, but I didn't get drunk. In the middle of the "Memorial Day" weekend, I got drunk, and I still didn't get drunk.

The following Friday, I went to work with Willard at the Toronto port with the other Harris' wasn't with him. After he drove the truck in the car he mentioned something about the "Up Inn" he had the Memorial Day weekend, and that he went to the factory who gave him some miles for it. We arrived and I put my stuff down by the door and Harris had a tent to himself.

[REDACTED] periodically throughout the week, said that something "had happened" between he and Willard the week before. When we were taking some of the work to set-up parts, and Willard would come in, Harris' teacher me to just ignore and say how I knew and worked him (Harris) and that he (Willard) would just sit around on his butt. [REDACTED] would say, "If you only knew what happened." I might have asked, but he wouldn't talk about it, only, "If you only knew what happened."

On the Saturday after I arrived, [REDACTED] thought it was my birthday, and Willard gave me a beer from a six pack. On my way to that meet, I had three bottles of beer, and he offered me a fourth, and I refused. [REDACTED] slept in his own tent that week.

[REDACTED] I went to camp, [REDACTED] a man named has hypertension (high blood pressure), and I took out his gun because he selected as his first lie (Harris) would get into a lot of trouble if he did. Also, I told him that another [REDACTED] would take him in, and make him of up to no good like him. I don't think [REDACTED] is the one who did any of the things [REDACTED] said.

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ON THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 1978.

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Reed: I don't think, I just tried to explain the background of it.  
Says that you know, except some things falling, there were many  
activities after Marie went out of the car first, and we had some kind of  
negotiation with "Wilson", (I don't remember his name), and "Wilson" said  
that "Wilson" could see where Marie had gone.

[REDACTED]

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1980

# The Record North Jersey today

## *Parents blame molestation for suicide*

By Paul Feldman  
Staff Writer

Charging that their young son committed suicide as a result of being sexually molested by a scoutmaster, an Emerson couple has filed a \$10-million lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America and an order of Roman Catholic friars.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] claim that their son, [REDACTED] was molested by Edmund Coakeley, a former scoutmaster of a troop at the

Assumption School in Emerson. Coakeley, who was a member of the Ohio-based Franciscan Brothers of the Poor, taught history and science at the school.

Coakeley, who has since left the Franciscans, is accused in the suit of molesting the child, then 11, at a Boy Scout-sponsored summer camp in Forestport, N.Y., during the summer of 1978. The suit also charges that later that year, Coakeley forced the boy to perform sexual acts in the basement of the friary of the Assumption School. The suit says that Coakeley gave [REDACTED] pornographic magazines and materials.

[REDACTED] died on Oct. 29, 1980, at his home in [REDACTED] on May 29, 1979, after having been found dead. In their suit, his parents claim that apart from their children was molested by Coakeley and that the three of them are still undergoing psychiatric treatment because of the experience.

According to the suit, Christopher, in a conversation with [REDACTED] father, first denied what had occurred and then claimed that he had been seduced by the boy. Coakeley, who now reportedly lives in Phoenix, See SUICIDE, Page C-2

### Suicide's parents sue Boy Scouts and friars

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Ariz., was removed from the Emerson school after the [REDACTED] family told officials of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Franciscan Brothers of the child's allegations.

The civil suit, filed in New York State Supreme Court in Manhattan, charges the Franciscan Brothers and the Boy Scouts with negligence for entrusting Coakeley with young men.

The family's lawyer, David Jat-

oslawicz, said the Bergen County prosecutor's office was notified of Christopher's allegations but declined to prosecute.

Mrs. [REDACTED], a nurse, said yesterday that she and her husband have filed suit "because we were left with no other legal recourse."

"I don't think it's a topic people care to address," she said. "Yet it happened."

Mrs. [REDACTED] told her son told an emergency room nurse that he swallowed the poison because "it's not worth living."

# Scoutmaster in \$10M suit over sexual assault on boy, 11

BY GENE REPPIN

A NEW JERSEY mother and father are suing the Catholic Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province and the Boy Scouts of America for \$10 million, charging that a Catholic brother scoutmaster was sexually involved with their two young sons.

One of the boys committed suicide as a result of his experiences, the parents said. The other is under the care of a doctor along with his parents.

Also named as a model of virtuous life in the suit was the brother, Robert Condeley, known as "Brother Edmund," who has since left the order and now reportedly works as a detective.

Dr. Frank Thompson, M.D.  
and his wife, Dr. Mary Thompson,  
both with the family.

See point 11, note 1.

#### **RESULTS OF THE STUDY**

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and was 13 at the time.

Most of the incidents allegedly took place at Pine Creek Reservation, a Boy Scout affiliated camp, in Roselandport, N.Y.

The camp, owned by Peter Grandy, is connected with Explorers Post 33, operating out of The Assumption School in Baileys Hill.

McGallley was a historian and a teacher at the school as well as scoutsman and camp operator.

In the suit, filed late Friday, attorney David Jackson, for the parents, Richard and Margaret, alleged Clark's mother made Clark



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But after the boy's death, they contacted the office of the Oneida County district attorney in New York and also the Bergen County, N.J., prosecutor's office.

The father also said he spoke via telephone with Coodeley, who was at the Franscini Brothers headquarters in Fayetteville, Ohio, and Coodeley allegedly admitted everything "up to the point of physical contact" with [REDACTED] dead boy's father told The Post.

Opelika and Berge County detectives told the Post that their investigations were hampered because the boy's death deprived them of direct testimony.

A high-contrast, black and white portrait photograph of a man from the chest up. He has dark, wavy hair and a well-groomed mustache. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt with diagonal stripes. The background is plain and light-colored. There are two dark circular marks on the right edge of the frame, likely from a hole punch.

He fails to reach home.

Coakeley faced a charge of endangering the welfare of a child — [REDACTED] In Oneida, but since the charge was a misdemeanor authorities there did not feel the justification to extradite him from Arizona, a New York state police investigator said.

The Bergen County case was dropped because it was felt there was not a strong basis for prosecution, the Past was told.